

The Common Council met immediately following the Water Utility Board on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Knowles presiding and members Askren, Rueger, Angel, and Cooper attending. Councilman Tucker was not present. Others attending were Comm. Gray; Chief Beloit; Chief Webber; Attorney Funkhouser; Ron Greenfield; David Eaton; the Mount Vernon Democrat; Ben Jackey and CH 14 News; Ellie Hogan; Jamie Grabert - Posey County News; Beth Foster - Mount Vernon Democrat; Chris Janak - Bose McKinney; and Phyllis Ripplemeier - Posey County Humane Society.

Mayor Knowles called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. She added if not, she entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Councilwoman Askren moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Councilman Angel.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles stated they will now hear the reports of the Standing Committees.

Street/Light Chairwoman Askren stated she has no report.

Comm. Gray reported he has been awfully busy ! He then stated they removed 12 diseased trees around town with the help of Jim Brown, who does a great job. He then stated today they hauled up some dirt for the park to be built at Main and Walnut by Nancy Burns and the Industrial Foundation.

Councilwoman Askren questioned Spring Clean-Up Week?

Comm. Gray replied that will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in May, capped off by Tire Amnesty Day. He added 4 car tires will be accepted free of charge per person and last year they had over three dump truck loads.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Police and Dog Chairman Tucker is not present.

Chief Beloit stated he has no report.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Fire Chairman Rueger stated he has no report.

Chief Webber stated he has no report.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Sewer Chairman Angel stated he has no report.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Knowles asked about the Financial Report for February ?

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe replied she has not prepared that as of yet.

Mayor Knowles asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Council ?

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe replied not at this time.

Mayor Knowles stated on the Legal portion of the Agenda is the Resolution to Transfer \$125,647.08 from the city to the Water Operating & Maintenance Fund, as recommended by the Water Utility Board.

Councilman Rueger moved the Resolution be passed. Seconded by Councilman Angel.

Mayor Knowles requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Askren - yes; Tucker - absent; Rueger - yes;

Angel - yes; Cooper - yes.

Mayor Knowles stated the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe added it will be numbered 05-01.

Mr. Janak stated that the City Council is now ready to consider whether to move forward with introducing the 2005 water rate ordinance. He added after it is introduced by the Council, the Council will need to authorize publication in the local newspaper of the time and date of the public hearing on the proposed rates, and send notice to the out-of-town customers regarding the public hearing.

Councilman Rueger asked if they could send a special notice out to the out of town customers so they do not have to wait to the end of the month when the bills go out.

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe added that it could be published on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March.

Mr. Janak stated in that case, the public hearing could be as early as the 4<sup>th</sup> of April, and they have regular meeting scheduled for the 11<sup>th</sup> of April.

Councilman Angel moved the 2005 Water Rate Ordinance be introduced today and that

publication be made in the Mount Vernon Democrat on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March for a public hearing to be held on April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Seconded by Councilman Rueger.

Councilman Cooper asked if Ms. Morrow could get the notice to out of town users out that quickly ?

Comm. Gray replied he just spoke with her and she indicated there are between 150-200 out of town users and she can separate them out and get something sent to them individually about the public hearing.

Mayor Knowles stated she believes she may need a roll call vote on the motion Councilman Angel made earlier, seconded by Councilman Rueger concerning the introduction of the 2005 Water Rate Ordinance.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Askren - yes; Tucker - absent; Rueger - yes;

Angel - yes; Cooper - yes.

Mayor Knowles stated the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Council ?

Phyllis Ripplemeier stated she wanted to update the Council on some things, and they have actually gone from bad to worse. She continued by stating a power pole was hit over the weekend that resulted in damage to the building, etc., and the water situation, well she was told two weeks, that they were on the line up, but she is not sure anyone can answer that right now. She added they are currently on a well system and the softener was damaged as well over the weekend, thankfully no one was injured. She then asked that the Council get moving again on the ordinances they had discussed last year and asked also that they pick a date and get moving again.

Attorney Funkhouser stated he will set the date to meet and then call around to Ms. Ripplemeier, Councilman Rueger, Councilwoman Askren, Chief Beloit, ACO Stallings, and Dr. Apple.

Ms. Ripplemeier added that would be fine but Friday mornings are best for the doctor, or lunch time.

Attorney Funkhouser stated his secretary will call around and get something set up, possibly Wednesday evening ?

Ms. Ripplemeier replied that should be alright.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was any New Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Knowles stated if there were no further business, she entertains a motion to adjourn.

Councilman Rueger moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Councilman Cooper.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried and adjourned the meeting.

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Rosemary L. Knowles

Mayor

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